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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 are currently pending in the application. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,937,160. Applicants have cancelled claim 8, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,964,013 (Ono). Applicants have cancelled claim 8, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis in view of Ono. On page 5, the Examiner acknowledges that Davis does not specifically teach "deleting" a tag pair enclosing an "<RPMTD>" tag.

Davis is directed to a system and method for revising a hypertext document stored within a server connected to a computer network via an electronic mail (email) message. According to Davis, an email message including revisions to a hypertext document is generated and includes identification of a markup tag included within the hypertext document. After the email message is transmitted to a server hosting the hypertext document via the computer network and after the email message undergoes authentication, an identified markup tag within the hypertext document is replaced with revisions contained within the email message.

Ono is directed to a document editing system for editing a document in a computer. According to Ono, the system includes a document area management means, a document editing means, and a tag management means. The document area management means discriminates a plurality of types of document areas or a plurality of document areas specified within an arbitrary area of the document and manages the document areas along with assigned attributes. The document editing means edits a character sequence provided in the document, while information about the specified document area within the document is retained or updated. The tag management means manages generation and deletion of a tag pair. The tag pair is a start tag and an end tag, which uniquely correspond to each other and specify a document area. *See* Ono, column 1, line 45 – column 2, line 4.

Applicants respectfully submit that Davis does not disclose or suggest, "deleting an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or which encloses no element within the HTML document . . .," as identified by the language of claim 1, as Davis simply allows a user to input modifications to a target document via an email message. The user's modifications are entered into an email message and sent to a port on a web page. Davis then replaces each tag in an HTML file with text from the email message. Therefore, Davis provides no suggestion of the feature.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ono provides no disclosure or suggestion of the above-identified feature. Rather, Ono specifically states that each start and end tag pair specifies a document area. Therefore, in contrast to the present invention, each start and end tag pair in Ono does not specify only an extended tag, as each start and end pair must specify a document area. In further contrast to the present invention, each start and end tag pair in Ono specifies a document area, and therefore encloses an element, namely, the specification of a document area. Therefore, independent claim 1 is patentable over Ono.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 2 is patentable over Davis in view of Ono, as neither Davis nor Ono, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests, "deleting elements enclosed by said identification extended tag pair except for said HTML tag relating to the character style and also deleting said identification extended tag itself."

In contrast to the present invention, Davis does not delete *elements enclosed by* an extended tag pair. Rather, Davis simply replaces actual tags. Similarly, Ono simply deletes actual tag pairs and does not delete *elements enclosed by* an extended tag pair.

Therefore, claim 2 is patentable over Davis in view of Ono, as neither Davis nor Ono, taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the above-identified feature of the claims. As claims 6-7 recite language similar to that of independent claim 2, claims 6-7 are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for independent claim 2.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.
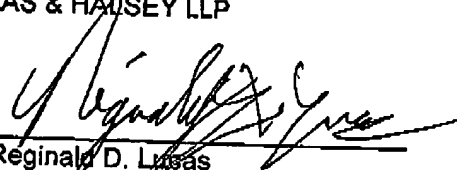
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